

Southern Flyer



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Two current, two former wing members to pin on eagle wings

DENVER (AFPN) – 908th Operations Support Flight Commander Robert Britton II, 357th Airlift Squadron Commander Norman Ham Jr., former chief of dental services Camille Phillips and former 357th AS Commander Michael Underkofler are among the 315 lieutenant colonels who will get to exchange their silver oak leaves for eagle wings as a result of the fiscal year 2004 Air Force Reserve Colonel Promotion Selection Board.

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center announced the results of the promotion board Jan. 16. The list of selectees is available on the ARPC Web site at http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/promo/col/06_04sel.pdf.

After Senate confirmation, the selectees will be eligible to pin on colonel eagles in increments announced by Office of the Air Force Reserve's Personnel Directorate. The promotion effective dates will depend on the individual's date of rank and time in grade.

Air Force Academy looking for Montgomery-area liaison officers

The United States Air Force Academy is looking for three additional duty Air Force Academy Liaison Officers in the Montgomery, Ala. area.

Required qualifications are as follow: a commissioned Air Force officer (active duty, Guard or Reserve) Rank 01 thru 06.

The ALO position is in addition to the current AFSC the applicant already holds. ALOs are compensated for their time by earning points for retirement without pay (majority of the time) and on occasion some paid mandays. If selected, the prospective ALO participates in a self study training program via CD Rom and one-on-one training with a current Academy Liaison officer. Selectees that aren't academy graduates will be sent on paid orders to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., for a 1-week training course sometime within their first two years as an ALO.

The Air Force Academy ALO program includes a regional office at the Air Force Academy plus nearly 2,000 Air Force officers who live in neighborhoods throughout the United States and several overseas locations. Their primary job is serving as a link between students interested in applying to the Air Force Academy or for an Air Force ROTC scholarship. ALOs spend the majority of their time visiting the schools, attending college fairs, talking with students and counselors, interviewing and providing written reports on Academy and AFROTC applicants, and attending various military-related functions.

Qualified applicants interested in an ALO position, should see or contact 908AW Vice Commander Col. C.W. Fox during the Feb UTA. Colonel Fox is an active Air Force Academy Liaison Officer Director in charge of the Northern Colorado District.



Deployed airmen help needy

A visit by deployed 908th members to a regional children's hospital turned the frowns like this youngster's to smiles. See more about the visit and a firsthand account of life at Base X on Pages 4 & 5.

1940s-era Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act shelved

New law adds greater protections

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 provides service members greater protections to handle personal financial and legal obligations, officials said.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the (new act) is the same as under the SSCRA: To provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal

policy in the office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

This is significant, because it clarifies and updates SSCRA provisions and adds some protections.

"Service members on long-term deployments, or called to active duty, should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections, or that they are paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment," Colonel Lindemann said.

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he said.

An automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member is what Colonel Lindemann called "a significant change" in the new act. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. Previously, stays were discretionary with the courts.

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Women aviation enthusiasts gather in Reno for networking, mentoring, exchange

In support of its commitment to AFRC's Human Resource Development Council's charter, the wing is seeking a select number of outstanding unit reservists to represent the 908th at the 15th annual Women in Aviation International Conference.

The conference is scheduled for March 11-13, 2004 in Reno, Nevada.

Unit reservists with unused annual tour days who would like to attend should contact their squadron commanders who, in turn, must forward a nomination via e-mail to 908AW vice commander Col. C.W. Fox, head of the wing Human Resources Development Council. The e-mail should contain the unit member's name, AFSC and a brief statement detailing why the member wants to attend. Selections will be made by the end of the February unit training assembly.

The 2004 theme is Aviation's Changing Face: Celebrating 15 Years of Education and Promise. The organization will honor a new crop of scholarship recipients and Pioneer Hall of Fame recipients. Pioneer Hall of Fame recipients are those women who have gone the

extra mile for others and contributed to the success of all women in aviation and aerospace.

The conference includes nearly 40 breakout sessions encompassing subjects as diverse as Writing for Aviation, Women in Aviation History and Airline Hiring Practices, to Careers in Corporate Aviation and Environmentally Sound Manufacturing and Shop Practices. In the days immediately preceding the conference Women in Aviation, International is sponsoring a Teacher Workshop, an FAA Aviation Maintenance Professional Renewal Course and, with help from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Air Safety Foundation, an AOPA Flight Instructor Renewal Clinic. Luncheons and a ceremonial banquet honoring both the Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees and 2004 Scholarship recipients will be held as well.

The event is billed as one of the largest gatherings of women aviation professionals in the world. Attendance is expected to exceed 3,000 and more than 200 exhibitors are anticipated.

Women in Aviation, International is a nonprofit organization

dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries.

For more information about the conference and about WAI, contact WAI at 101 Corsair Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Phone (386) 226-7996; Fax (386) 226-7998; Web www.wai.org.

For complete details on AFRC Human Resources Development Council and the WAI convention such as fees, registration information and deadlines, attendees' responsibilities, etc., should go to <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/events%20home.htm>. All participants need register with WAI, the hotel, and also register with AFRC/DPXSB at <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/Conferences/Representative%20form.htm>

Those without access to a military computer, should e-mail Master Sgt. Rodney Hage at Rodney.Hage@afrc.af.mil for guidance or call him at 1-800-223-1784 x71345 or DSN: 497-1345.

New law adds greater protections

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The new relief act also makes it clear the 6-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred, Colonel Lindemann said.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction. Under the SSCRA, service members and their family who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order. This amount is increased to \$2,400 and an annual inflation adjustment is added. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465, significantly increasing the number of service members entitled to this protection, Colonel Lindemann said.

The new relief act also gives the service member who has received permanent change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice. Before, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

One of the more significant new provisions is an added protection for motor-vehicle leases. Any active-duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for 180 days or more, may terminate a motor-vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," Colonel Lindemann said.

"Service members may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Colonel Lindemann said. "If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Area students celebrate 100th anniversary of flight

357AS's Capt. Jason Kirkpatrick explains C-130 missions and capabilities to students from Head Elementary School. Five hundred students visited Maxwell Dec. 17 for a round of activities commemorating the centennial of flight. The event was sponsored by the school, the 908th Airlift Wing, Civil Air Patrol and the Alabama Army and Air National Guard.

A snapshot of life and work at base X

EDITORS NOTE: The following article is a reprint of a letter sent by one of our deployed personnel shortly before Christmas. As noted in the letter from Lt. Col. Sam, all is well. As a security measure, we are not publishing exact location, last names, mailing and e-mail addresses of deployed personnel; however, family members and loved ones of deployed personnel can obtain this information from wing and squadron officials.

Dear Friends,

I have now been in central Asia for two weeks and wanted to send out a letter letting you know what life and work is like here.

I am at X International Airport, X Air Base. This base was established during the war in Afghanistan to topple the Taliban and Al Qaeda.

This is a very poor country. It was the boondocks of the old Soviet Empire and many of the buildings look like it. The natural scenery is fantastic with mountains rising to elevations over 18,000 feet. I have only seen them from the air but we might have the chance to travel off base while here.

This base was named after a NYC fire Chief killed when the World Trade Center collapsed. Pictures of the towers burning are all over this base and serve as an emotional reminder of why we are here and how important is the mission to pacify Afghanistan. I'm sure you follow the news as to what is going on there, but make no mistake, there are many who would do us harm.

We of course take careful precautions when we fly. This is among the most challenging flying environments I've seen with terrain rising to almost 20,000 feet. The Himalayas are truly beautiful. I think that I have seen the last few trees in all of Afghanistan -- at about 15,000 feet elevation and so remote that no one could cut down the trees for fuel. Otherwise, the rest of the country appears to be deforested and has a dusty, earth tone appearance - very bleak and depressing. The local architecture seems ages old with mud walls established around even the poorest of homes. The walls protect what little livestock the people own and keep out predators. This appears to be a land with little infrastructure and precious few resources.

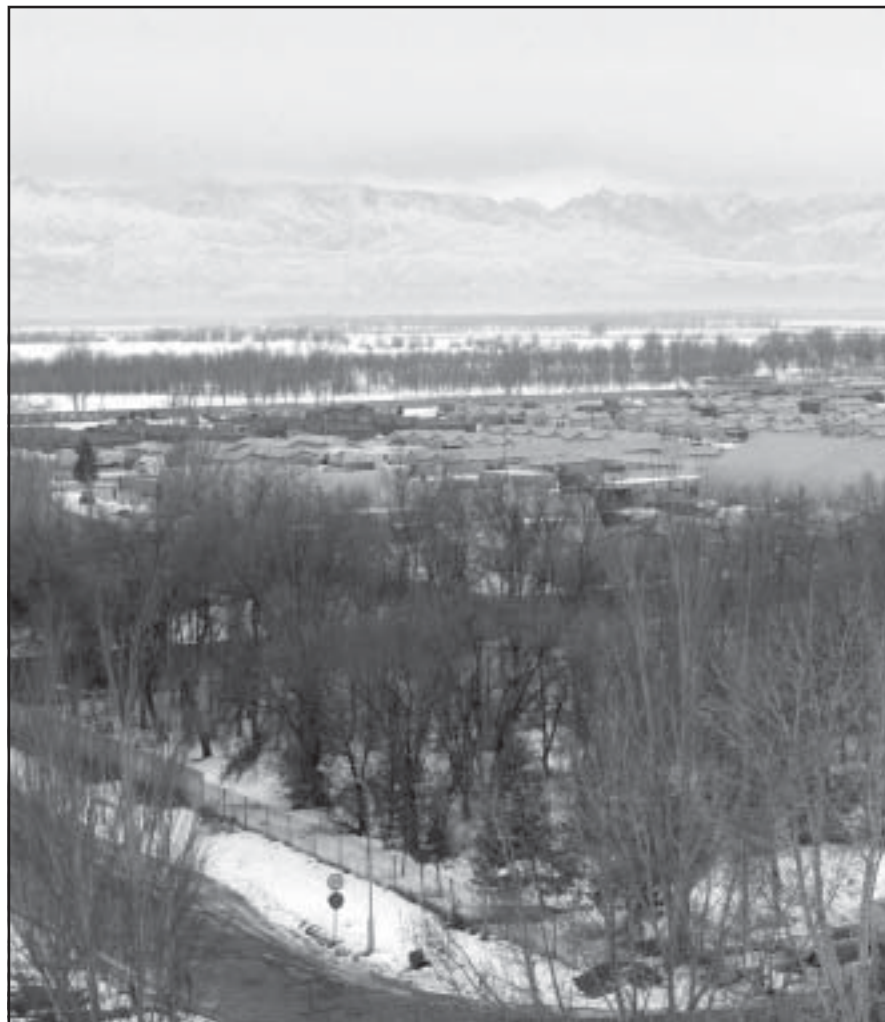
I have flown three missions in the theater of operations and will soon fly more. My crew has been performing ground duties for the last three days to assist those that are flying. The base is comfortable beyond my expectations. We have a well-stocked base exchange, a gym (weights and aerobic machines only), a small library, a morale tent with computers and phones, a good chow hall that serves four hot meals per day, and several concession shops that sell mostly cheap Russian trinkets. The primary difference from a conventional base is that everything here is in a tent or portable building, and dirt and mud are everywhere. Soon, snow and ice will be everywhere! It is also inconvenient to go to three different tents to use the bathroom, shower, and get a drink of water. But compared to what the Army has in remote parts of Afghanistan, it is quite nice.

Please feel free to write/e-mail me as often as you like. It helps relieve the monotony when not flying. I have tried to establish a routine for time off centered around e-mail, trips to the gym and reading and, of course, keeping up with both family and clients. I can (and have) communicate with many clients via e-mail so don't be shy or think it is a bother to run anything by me. I might need a bit longer than usual to get back to you.

I know that we are flying Christmas Day. This war stops for no holidays. I suggested that our loadmaster wear a Santa hat and give all of our troops/passengers candy canes. I have been so busy and worked such odd hours that I have almost forgotten that Christmas is just a few days away. I do want to say a special hello and thanks to everyone at St. Francis of Assisi, you all mean a great deal to me. Please let Glenda know that I carry the prayer beads she lent me on every flight - there is ample time to pray before entering Afghan air space. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season and remember the importance of family, friends and loved ones in your life. Being on the steppes of central Asia and supporting the operations against terrorism have given me a unique perspective on the true importance of God's gift to humanity.

Enough preaching, I should leave that to my Rector, Rebecca DeBow. I will close this first letter by telling you how proud I am to be a part of a group that is working with dedication, enthusiasm and unsurpassed professionalism. The men and women of the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala., are representing your state and nation well.

**God's Peace.
Sincerely,
Sam**



An overhead view of Base X, note the mountains in the back ground



Changing of the Guards



Lt. Col. Norm settles in for work at his new digs.

Children capture hearts of visiting airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Alison
357th Airlift Squadron

I was fortunate to be invited to be in the first group from the Base X Outreach Society to visit a children's cancer center nearby. Because of security constrictions, only 10 of us are allowed to go at one time, so it was a small group that boarded the van to head off base.

I think the first impression we all had upon entering the hospital was how run-down the facility was. The country we're deployed to is very poor, with little in the way of infrastructure and institutional facilities, apart from what the Russians left behind when they departed in early '90s, and this hospital was clearly a legacy from those days.

Our focus was not the building, but the children inside, and our host, Doctor "Mina" (her first name) took us to a large "play" room, where a group of the children along with some Moms holding babies was waiting for us. The children were all adorable, though at first very shy – as we were, too. They could not speak English, of course, and we could not speak Russian, although we did bring an interpreter with us – a young lady named "Masha," who spoke excellent English and helped break the ice with introductions and games.

We had brought some coloring books, crayons, and paper with us, and Masha paired us off with children to share these with. I first sat with a little boy, perhaps seven years old, who could draw better than I could!

The children, and the parents that were there, were still very reserved and quiet – until somebody started a paper "snowball" fight! (One of us "big" kids, I suspect). Then the giggles and fun really started, with at first just a few paper missiles hurtling across the room at chosen victims. Soon many more snowballs were made, tossed, and



Young cancer patient gets ready to re-enter the paper snowball battle

retrieved as the game got seriously underway. The children especially liked ganging up on their grown-up visitors, picking out one of us to bombard all at once, then shrieking and running to hide when they were out of paper balls and the victim was scrambling about ready to fire back.

This went on for more than an hour, and I have never had so much fun as I did in that room full of non-English speaking children, our only way of communicating through laughter, giggles and love – which worked wonderfully well.

We had also brought with us candy and little gifts for each child from the stock of the Outreach Society, though this sorely depleted their cupboard. The children clearly appreciated the gifts. The next group that goes next time will surely take more. Doc "K" is going with the next group, and he is taking some Russian-dubbed cartoon movies we purchased for the kids. They seem to need so much. I noticed that the "play" room had plenty of room to play – but no toys were available. And the "snowballs" we made from ruled paper sheets were carefully gathered up by one of the staff and taken from the room, not thrown in the trashcan that was there. I wondered if they were going to painstakingly straighten them out to use again, and if so they must think us terribly wasteful.

Overall, the children were

well dressed, well kempt, and very much loved and well cared for. We did not get much chance to ask Doctor Mina about their treatment, and what she has available to work with. She did say that the hospital provides all kinds of cancer treatments – surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, and most of the children we met seemed to be undergoing the latter, judging from the hats they wore to cover little bald heads and the masks over their faces because of weakened immune systems.

I can't help wondering what the quality, range and availability of treatment is, considering some facts: in the last years that Russia ran the country, the annual public spending for health care was approximately \$119 per capita – not a huge amount of money. However, today that figure has dropped to \$9 per capita.

The facility we visited is the only pediatric oncology clinic in the entire country; the children that are able to make it there from the mountainous country and its remote villages surely overwhelm the resources available.

I thought about that on the way back and when I got "home" to my tent, I sat on my bed and had a good cry. Because of course, being children, they had stolen my heart and I couldn't help but wonder how many of those little ones I had laughed with, played with, and cuddled with, would survive.

The Air Force Contact Center offers one-stop shopping service for personnel information and can be reached by calling (800) 616-3775. Service is also available online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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February Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Feb. 6, 2004			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	TBD	Self-aid/Buddy Care Instruction	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 3
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor/Pharmacy Lobby
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1100	CCT/Sector Search Team Training	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 1
0900	1100	Mask Fit Testing (as scheduled)	Bldg. 760/Second Floor
0900	1100	EET Training	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)	Bldg. 848/West Side
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1400	1600	EET Meeting	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
1630	TBD	Officers' Call	Officers' Club Basement
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0800	1200	First Duty Training	Bldg. 804/MEO Classroom
0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25APS
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0930	TBD	Unit Fitness Monitors' Mtg (Bring AFI 10-248 [1 Jan 04])	Bldg. 848/POC: SrAMason/MSS/SVS
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Awards & Decoration Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
	1330-1400		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

February UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356

* Input your unit's authorization code

* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558

* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad

* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)

* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.

* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.

* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)

* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying

* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

***The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the February UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1830 local

Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local

Depart Huntsville at 2100 local

Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local

Depart Huntsville at 1700 local

Arrive Aurora at 1900 local

Depart Aurora at 1915 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates

March 6-7; April 3-4;

May 1-2; **June 5-612-13;

July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12

*****note date change***

Take Note



Photo by Capt. E. Benjamin Smith

Newly minted butter bars

Former enlisted airmen Sharon Spudic, left, and Teri Miller pose for a snapshot after their graduation from Academy of Military Science, the six-week Guard and Reserve version of the Air Force's Officer Training School. Spudic and Miller earned the chance to trade their stripes for gold bars and fill vacant officer positions thanks to the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. For information about DACP or to ask questions, contact the 908th MPF at DSN 493-5584 or 908AW Vice Commander Col. C. W. Fox at DSN 493-9080 or e-mail Charles.Fox@maxwell.af.mil

Sunday event honors ascent to top NCO tier

An induction ceremony to honor wing members attaining the rank of master sergeant since November 2002 will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at 8 a.m. in Polifka Auditorium of the Squadron Officer College. All inductees should be in place, in service dress, not later than 0730.

"Enhancement and professional development of our enlisted personnel is of great importance," said event coordinator Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Voyles, 908MXS first sergeant.

Voyles added, "We invite all of the newest senior noncommissioned officers, their family and guests, commanders, first sergeants, flight chiefs and supervisors to share in this special occasion. Commander and management support is essential for the success of this program. Please plan to attend."

She urged inductees whose families plan to attend to help ensure they gain entry on base without problems.

"Easiest access onto Maxwell AFB is in a vehicle with a current base decal and a military ID card. If you have family coming on base that do not have these items, please call me (at 953-6687) and provide their names. They will need to use the Bell Street Gate and have a valid driver license, car registration and proof of auto insurance. A little planning can make for a smooth entry on base and allow your family to be included in you being honored in this milestone," Voyles said.

Senior NCO Ceremony Inductees

Name	Unit	DOR
Leon Alexander Jr.	AMS	1 Jul 03
Gregory Black	CF	1 Sep 03
Lawrence Brady	AMS	1 Apr 03
Nancy Butler	CES	1 Jul 03
Adriel Carr	25APS	1 Jan 03
Kymberly Corkum	MXS	1 Jan 03
Gloria Derico	908AW	1 Oct 03

Tyrone Duncan	25APS	1 May 03
Michelle Fitzhenry	AES	1 Nov 03
Allen Floyd III	MXS	1 May 03
Everton Golding	ASTS	1 Jan 03
David Henry	AMS	1 Sep 03
William James	CES	1 Sep 03
Milton Johnson	CES	1 May 03
Ronald Leboeuf	SFS	1 Mar 03
Brandy Lindsey	ASTS	1 Sep 03
James Lowery III	ASTS	1 Nov 03
Bryan Martin	AES	1 Nov 03
Timothy Merrihew	CES	1 Jul 03
Wesley Meyer	MOF	1 Jul 03
Ronnie Patterson	AES	1 May 03
James Parten Jr.	MOF	1 Nov 02
Robert Reaves	AMS	1 Jan 03
Gerald Roth	CES	1 Nov 03
David Royer	25APS	1 Jan 03
Donald Smith	CES	1 Mar 03
Teresa Stone	ASTS	1 Nov 02
Carol Walters	357AS	1 May 03
James Williams	25APS	1 Mar 03
Linda Williams	ASTS	1 Sep 03
Richard Windham	SFS	1 Jan 03

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Captain

Jeremy Angel, 357AS
(April 7, 2004)

Marley Crabtree, AES
(Feb. 22, 2004)

Jameson Durham,
AES

Robert Eichar, AES
Anna C. Hill, SVF
(Sept. 1, 2004)

Cinnomon

Kellenberger, ASTS
David Lionberger IV,
LRS (March 3, 2004)
Timothy McCollum,
AES

William Magee, MXS,
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Joann Oliver, ASTS
Jeffrey Randall,
357AS

Randall Simpkins,
AES

Yolanda Woodsmall,
908ASTS

....to Senior Master Sgt.
Albert McWhorter,
MXG

Harold Whited,
25APS

....to Master Sgt.

John Ballentine III,
25APS

Billy Howard, CES
Todd Kern, MXS

Valeria Knight, ASTS
Monnica Reed, MXS
Levi Wheeler, ASTS
Patrick Weir, AES

....to Tech. Sgt.

Donald Corkum, MXS
Derric Hall, 25APS
Mary Hawkins, CES
Dimitri Jefferies, MSS

Donald Matheson,
25APS

Richard Neal, 357AS
Brady Newman, MXS
....to Staff Sgt.

Arthur Caffey, AES
Steven Dykes, MSS
Vickie Haddox, AES
David Jones, ASTS
Jamie Love, ASTS

Grant McDaniel,
25APS

Joe Whitt III, MXS
James Williamson,
MXS

....to Senior Airman
Tamara Brackins,
25APS

Dwaynes Guice, MXS
Christopher Hines,
AES

William Kent, CES
Crystal Spencer, CES
Jori Thomas, SVS

....to Airman First Class

Eva Appiah, LRS
Kenyse Garth, MXS
Tieshia Green, 357AS
Bradley Harrell, AMS

Talton Hobbs, MXS
Markis Myers, CES

Jerritt Thomas, ASTS
David Wilson, ASTS

....to Airman

Jummy Abdul, ASTS
Kenneth Fontenot,
LRS

Marshall Ford, SVS
David Harwell, ASTS
Bryant Pritchett, MXS

Retirements

Chief Master Sgt.
Melvin Thomas, MXS
Master Sgt. James
Brooks, MSS
Tech. Sgt. Earlene
Hatcher, LSS
Tech. Sgt. Gregg
Hollon, MXS

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